

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 18, 2012 to August 13, 2012

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :

DOD/U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to make improvements to the airfield at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) in Accomack County for use as a "touch-and-go" landing facility to simulate aircraft carrier landings. The improvements include: painting simulated carrier boxes on the existing runway; installing flush-deck lighting; installing five concrete pads (12 feet x 24 feet, 14 feet x 14 feet, 6 feet x 6 feet, 3 feet x 3 feet, and a 3-foot diameter circle); installing electric lines, telephone lines and an Improved Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System (IFLOLS); and constructing a Landing Signal Officer (LSO) workstation. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NAME; John E. Fisher
DEQ Central Office
Office of Environmental Impact Review
629 East Main Street, Room 633
Richmond, Virginia, 23219;

Phone: (804) 698-4339
Fax: (804) 698-4319
E-mail: john.fisher@deq.virginia.gov